The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair And Members of the Judiciary Committee Maryland House of Delegates Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB 0032 - Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis - Opposed

Dear Chair Clippinger and Member of the Committee,

I strongly oppose HB 0032 to legalize and cannabis in Maryland. Calling it Cannabis instead of Marijuana doesn't make it any more acceptable. Why do you want to increase marijuana use???? Do we not have a severe opioid problem with large numbers of people losing their lives every year to drugs?? Marijuana is a gateway drug to more powerful and deadly drug addiction. Making it legal will increase the number of young children who will be become users. HB 0032 recognizes that those under 21 will in fact have access to it and includes a penalty, but that penalty will not stop the mis-use. Any tax dollars Maryland would make from this evil is not worth it. Please give HB 0032 an Unfavorable Report.

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